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PHOTOGRAPHIC SEARCH FOR COMMUNICATION OUTSTATIONS
IN FIVE AREAS OF THE USSR

This report answers a request for a photographic search of five peripheral areas of the USSR to locate and identify five communication outstations [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Where photography was available, the area within approximately 50 nautical miles (nm) of the location given in the requirement was searched.

None of the outstation sites were identified nor was any activity identified which could be associated with the electronic net in the areas searched.

The five areas and the results of the photographic search are as follows.

Belush'ya Guba (71-34N 52-19E) on Novaya Zemlya. Possible locations for an outstation are (1) the area surrounding the port of Belush'ya Guba and extending southward 3 nm to an airfield and (2) a possible military area at 70-50N 53-44E, approximately 55 nm south-southeast of Belush'ya Guba along a narrow inlet. However, haze, obliquity, and small scale preclude a detailed photo interpretation of these two areas. The photo coverage is from [REDACTED]

Stanislav (48-56N 24-43E). Although considerable activity was observed in the area, none could be identified as related to the electric net. The photo coverage is from [REDACTED]

Sukhumi (43-00N 41-02E). Activity observed could not be identified as associated with the electronic net. The photo coverage is from [REDACTED]

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Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk (46-57N 142-44E) on Sakhalin Island. No activity associated with the electronic net was discerned. KEYHOLE photography from [] covers the area. Recent collateral reveals the completion of a microwave station at Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk which is reported linked with the air defense district and zonal communications center at Sovetskaya Gavan' on the mainland (see Aerospace Intelligence Digest, Volume 14, No 11, November 1961, SECRET). Since military communications routes are reportedly used in the Soviet ESV program, the ESV-associated electronic net could be linked with this new microwave station.

Turkestan Military District. No unusual electronic activity was observed. Photo coverage is from [] and []. The known military communications center at Tashkent could be associated with this electronic net.

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